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SUBJECT: JEWISH CEMETERY IN MUKACHEVO

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1. CONSOFFS CALLED ON MFA (CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION) FEB 3 TO PRESENT NOTE NO 33. RENEWING INQUIRIES ABOUT STATUS OF MUKACHEVO JEWISH CEMETERIES. (COPY OF NOTE BEING POUCHED EUR/SOV). BOSIKOV COMMENTED THAT IN THE PAST, SOVIETS HAVE RESPONDED TO SOME INQUIRIES OF THIS KIND, ALTHOUGH THE QUESTION OF CEMETERIES FALLS WITHIN THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE WAS BEING PLACED IN AN AWKWARD POSITION BY THESE INQUIRIES. WHY DID RELATIVES OF PEOPLE BURIED IN THESE CEMETERIES NOT INQUIRE DIRECTLY, STATING PRECISELY IN WHOSE GRAVE THEN WERE INTERESTED? HE ALSO TOOK EXCEPTION TO OUR REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR EMBASSY OFFICERS TO VISIT THE CEMETERY.

2. CONSOFF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR REPLIES TO EMBASSY INQUIRIES ON OTHER CEMETERIES, BUT POINTED OUT THAT EMBASSY HAS BEEN INQUIRING ABOUT MUKACHEVO CEMETERY SINCE AT LEAST 1973 WITH NO REPLY.

3. IF NO RESPONSE TO PRESENT INQUIRY RECEIVED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, EMBASSY PLANS TO SUBMIT TRAVEL NOTE FOR VISIT BY EMBASSY OFFICERS, ALTHOUGH WE CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY THAT CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION WILL BE GRANTED.

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